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## EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) <u>Ralph Lewis</u>	(3) _____
(2) <u>Michael Beck</u>	(4) _____

Date of interview 5/23/90Type:  Telephonic  Personnel (copy is given to  applicant  applicant's representative).Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted:  Yes  No. If yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_Agreement  was reached with respect to some or all of the claims in question.  was not reached.Claims discussed: 28-30, 33

Identification of prior art discussed:

PALMAZ (PUBLICATIONS & PATENT) Rockey,  
MASS et al., CHOWDHURYDescription of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: IN REGARD TO CLAIMS28-30, MASS et al. DOESN'T APPEAR TO ILLUSTRATE AN INTELLIGENT EXPANSION MECHANISM. CHOWDHURY APPEARS TO LACK THE REMOVAL OF EXTERNAL FORCE AS RING 32 (MEDIATES POSITION), ROCKY DOESN'T APPEAR TO DISCLOSE AN INTELLIGENT DEFORMATION). APPLICANT ~~REALLY~~ WILL SUBMIT 31,33,34,35 ~~AN AMENDMENT WITH THESE FEATURES. IN REGARD TO CLAIMS~~ IT IS THE ELONGATED MEMBERS WHICH DEFORM NOT THE JOINTS AS IT APPEARS IN PALMAZ.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

Unless the paragraphs below have been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW (e.g., items 1-7 on the reverse side of this form). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, then one month from this interview date to provide a statement of the substance of the interview.

 It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview. Since the examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action.

Examiner's Signature